

Executive Director Report
January 25, 2007

Budget

- Submitted invoice in the amount of \$531.00 to Delta Resource and Development Council for staff services provided in planning of Council strategic planning retreat and in conducting meetings.
- Received contribution of \$900 each from San Joaquin County and DWR toward Commission Strategic Plan consultant contract.
- Realizing budgetary savings attributed to staff vacancy effective December 29, 2006 (although actual staff departure was January 22, 2007).
- Pursuant to efforts initiated by Roberta Goulart (on behalf of Commissioner Piepho) and facilitation by Pat Brazil (on behalf of Commissioner Nottoli), staff is processing a transfer of funding from Sacramento County to the Commission (carryover from the termination of the Delta Advisory Planning Council and the creation of the Delta Protection Commission).
- Met with representative of Fish and Game to address questions raised as part of Working Landscapes Grant proposal application process to assure final award of funding.
- Analyzing staffing resources to reclassify positions as determined to be more effective and consistent with meeting the goals of the Commission's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan.
- Working with budget administration staff to develop budgetary summary that includes reimbursements and revenue, as well as expenses, for Commissioner reference.

Legislation

- The Legislation proposal submitted by staff to seek amendment to the Delta Protection Act to provide for Commission Member alternates has been supported by the Resources Agency and is being review by the Department of Finance.

Projects/Facilitation

- Facilitating County OES Team discussions and support for Delta-wide Emergency Planning and Response, including County Board of Supervisors' adoption of Statement of Compelling Need; Resolution of Commitment; and formal Agreement drafted by San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services (Solano County on January 23rd and SJ/Sac Counties on January 30th). Participated in discussions with the Coast Guard, DWR and OES to encourage support and commitment to a Delta-wide Plan.

- Provided clarification to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors relative to the policies of the Commission's Management Plan in support of agriculture conservation easements in the Primary Zone of the Delta for consideration in the adoption of the County's Agriculture Conservation Ordinance (resulted in inclusion of Primary Zone in Ordinance).
- Facilitated discussion with Department of Conservation and a Grand Island landowner interested in establishing a conservation easement in order to sustain agricultural activities on his parcel.
- Discussed with Food and Ag Commissioner the potential for preparation of a draft analysis of agricultural resources in the Delta in order to develop a baseline of agricultural information on the Delta's past and current trends of agricultural land uses.
- Participating in Delta Vision Core Team meetings and providing input for Delta interest representation on the Stakeholder Committee. Also related to Delta Vision, attended UC Berkeley presentation on results of Charette workshop.
- Represented the Commission at a meeting facilitated by DWR to seek input as to priorities for Proposition 1E and 84 bond funding.
- Represented the Commission at the Delta Long-term Management Strategy Management Committee meeting and provided input into the development of planning guidelines for presentation to the Executive Committee.
- Provided input at DWR/USGS sponsored discussion on subsidence in the Delta relative to habitat and agricultural uses.
- Facilitated posting of three Welcome to the Delta signs in Yolo County (five signs already posted in Sacramento County). One sign is in the process of being posted in Solano County and two in San Joaquin County. Processing is underway in Contra Costa County. All are being completed and posted as in-kind contributions from the respective counties.
- Initiated discussions with planning consultants relative to the Delta Trail and also met with Solano County regarding the potential availability of mitigation funding for the Trail.
- Facilitated San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors contribution of \$6,000 to the Discover the Delta Foundation for the Delta Discovery Visitor Center.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Made presentations to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (previously made presentation to Solano County BOS) relative to potential funding partnerships and effective integration of the Commission's regional plan into their general plans.

- Participated in Water Policy 16 Conference as a Member of the Levees Panel on November 17, 2006.
- Made a presentation about current activities of the DPC to the Yolo Basin Foundation.
- Participated in a California Clean Boating Network panel discussion on abandoned vessel removal in the Delta. Also, participated in a tour of abandoned vessels in Sacramento County facilitated by the Antioch Sportsmen's Yacht Club.
- Exhibited DPC display at Pleasanton Boat Show in partnership with the Department of Boating and Waterways.
- Participated in the Coast Guard vessel levee tour.